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number of deaths, 2; prevailing diseases, malarial fever of mild type and varicella; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 1	Spero	17	0	0	0
1	Mary Sanford	9	0	0	0
5	Matador	35	0	0	0

CANADA.

Report from Moncton, New Brunswick—Smallpox at Chatham.

Commercial Agent Beutelspacher reports, through the Department of State, April 10, as follows:

Smallpox has broken out in 2 separate sections at Chatham, New Brunswick, in this consular district.

So far as known there are 9 cases. Public schools and churches have been closed and all gatherings prohibited by order of the board of health to prevent the spread of the disease.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port—Improved sanitary conditions and increased morbidity and mortality.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports as follows: Week ended April 7, 1905. Estimated population, 4,000; number of deaths, 4; prevailing disease, malarial fever.

Inspection of official records and verbal reports from the practicing physicians of the town show no case of yellow fever since the imported case reported last October.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 3	Sarnia	55	44	17	0
4	San José	43	0	0	0
4	Graecia	46	2	0	0
5	Belvernion	23	1	0	0
6	Greenbrier	45	1	0	0
7	Hispania	21	2	0	0

Four bills of health for Panaman ports were viséed.

The improvement in the sanitary condition of Limon since November, 1904, when my last report was made to the Bureau, has been very great. Streets and back yards are kept much cleaner, garbage is removed more frequently and more thoroughly, hydrants connected with the city waterworks are largely increased in number and substituted for the numerous open water barrels which formerly often

proved to be breeding places for mosquitoes. These barrels have mostly been destroyed; those remaining have, with rare exceptions, been covered with wire netting. Much filling of surface depression in vacant lots and under houses has been done, and other improvements in the surface drainage of the town made. The beneficial results of this work are already evident in the very much lessened number of mosquitoes and the reduced morbidity and mortality rates of the port. Much is yet to be done in the continuance and perfection of this work and in the compelling of sewer connection. The expense of this latter will fall heavily on the poorer classes, and for this reason may be indefinitely postponed. The health authorities of Limon deserve commendation for their work in making this improvement in the sanitary condition.

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon reports, April 11, as follows:

During the week ended April 8, 1905, bills of health were issued to 2 vessels with a total crew of 54, no passengers, for ports in the United States. Both of the vessels were in good sanitary condition and there was no sickness aboard either of them when they sailed.

No quarantinable disease arrived at this port during this week and none was reported in the city.

Report from Habana—Inspection of vessels—Mortuary statistics.

Surgeon Wertenbaker reports, April 10, as follows:

Week ended April 8, 1905.

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued	29
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected	1, 084
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected	967
Pieces of freight passed (salted hides)	106

On board the American steamship *Morro Castle* was one seaman suffering from purulent conjunctivitis.

Permission was granted to ship the remains of a person dead of croup January 11, 1903, to Port Tampa on board the American steamship *Gussie*.

No quarantinable diseases have been reported in this city or the island during the week.

Mortality in Habana during the ten days ended March 30, 1905.

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Broncho-pneumonia	1
Cancer	8
Enteric fever	1
Enteritis, under 2 years	7
Grippe	6
Tuberculosis	33
Total number of deaths from all causes	136

Report from Matanzas—Inspection of vessels—Decrease in the epidemic of measles.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, April 10, as follows:

During the week ended April 8, 1905, bills of health have been issued to 5 vessels bound for the United States in good sanitary condition.